

2-D Bar Codes and Biometrics An Affordable Authentication

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Overview

- The Biometric Opportunity
- 2-D Bar Code Options
- Security/Encryption
- Common Biometrics
- What about Smart Cards and LaserCard?
- Implementation



The Biometric Opportunity

- Utilize Auto-ID for biometric applications
 - Separate physical ID possession from the authority to Enter/Proceed
 - Provide automatic operation
 - Verify/Authenticate (1:1), not Identify/Detect (1:N)



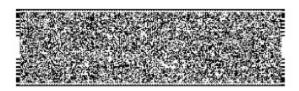
2-D Bar Code Options

- ISO, AIAG, EIA, NASA ...
- Approved, tested and open system
 - Data Matrix
 - PDF





- Private and/or closed system
 - DataStrip
 - DataGlyph





Security/Encryption

- Use of encryption and digital signatures, ensures printed information is secure and unchangeable
- US IBIP postage
- Print at home application fielded using a 128 byte Digital Signature









Common Biometric Parameters

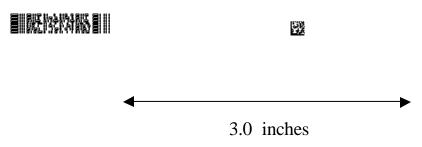
- Hand Geometry
- Iris Scan
- Facial Recognition
- Fingerprint Scan

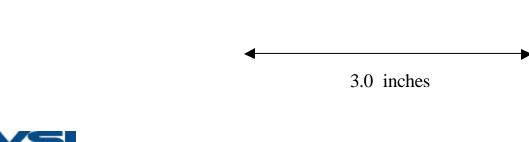




Hand Geometry

- Based on profile of hand
- Changes over time; Usually updated with each use
- Hand is not unique, usually combined with something else
- Smallest signature, 9 bytes!









- Measure distinct patterns in the iris (over 247 parameters) from camera image
- Not the same as retinal scan, more comfortable to the user
- Generates a 512 byte signature with high accuracy







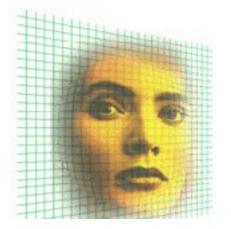


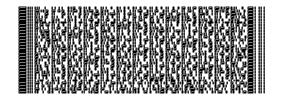




- Distinct measurements among facial features
- For 1:1 recognition signature is roughly 300 bytes (smaller signature of 88 bytes used for 1:N searches)

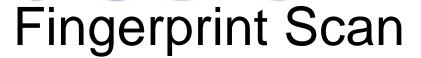




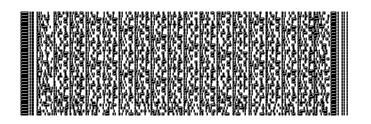








- Measures over 40 minutiae or correlation of images
- Typical record size of 300 to 800 bytes
- AFIS and others systems based on multiple fingers











The Immediate Benefits

- Self-authenticating
 - Biometric information is encoded and encrypted on an item the person carries with them
 - No database required
 - Secure nothing to hack
 - Large databases expensive to maintain and protect
 - Interface to database not reliable
 - Protects each individual's personal information
- "Identity theft" cannot occur



Smart Cards and LaserCards?

- Smartcards
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 - Technical standards unsettled
 - Reliability unknown
 - e-Beam effect on card electronics
- Lasercard
 - **\$**\$
 - Single vendor
 - Read time of 4 seconds







ID Trace

2-D bar codes allow placement of up to 3K on ID card with existing printing equipment

Systems are available from multiple vendors

- ID Trace (RVSI)
- PassPro (LDC)

